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STATE UNEMPLOYED CONVENTION CALLED
Gallagher Demands Perjury Warrant Against McAllister

McALLISTER, AID
GUILTY OF JURY
TAMPERING

I. L. D. ATTORNEY SHOWS
ATTEMPT TO FRAME UP
DEFENSE OF 17

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 20.—Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense Attorney at the trial of the seventeen workers on charges of Criminal Syndicalism, Tuesday morning moved that District Attorney Neil McAllister and Lloyd G. Buchler, a deputy, be cited for perjury as a result of judicial investigations which have shown that both probably were involved in jury tampering activities.

The motion came upon the heels of an attempt to frame the entire defense on the trumped up charge that eighteen workers who represented themselves as acting for the I.L.D. called upon R. B. Nix, a discharged juror, and threatened him with death if he served on the jury. McAllister also had charged that a Mrs. Rose, also a discharged juror, had reported to him that she had seen three of the women defendants talking to women jurors in a rest room during the trial.

Buchler charged that the mother of Jack Warnick, one of the defendants, had visited Mrs. Rose but Saturday night Mrs. Rose denied she had ever told Buchler such a story.

The proceedings of selecting a jury now is in its fourth week and the court room is packed, not with workers—there is only room for a few—but with plain clothes dicks.

Two brazen attempts by District Attorney Neil McAllister to frame the International Labor Defense, have collapsed of their own weight—exposed for what they were—vicious, barefaced lies concocted in the mind of such "friends of labor" as Capt. Hynes of the L. A. Red Squad and carried through by District Attorney McAllister and his personal (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2.)

GREEN, WOLL
AID TO LAUNCH
FASCIST DRIVE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Wherever excessive "antirad" propaganda is being cooked up by the bosses that inseparable pair of labor fakers, William Green and Matthew Woll are invariably present.

Therefore it will not surprise workers to learn that the two have just finished testifying before the House Committee investigating "un-American" activities in this country.

Green charged that the Soviet Union had failed to forbid "groups within her control to seek the overthrow of the American government." Matthew Woll, as usual, concurred. The charges made by these two are in line with their recent attempts to have militant workers expelled wholesale from American Federation of Labor locals throughout the country.

Unable to stop the growing militancy of rank and file members of the A.F.O.L., Green and Woll are loaning their services to the Committee in the hope new fascist measures will be forthcoming.

That such measures are contemplated is shown by the report that the committee will recommend deportation on a wholesale scale of "aliens who talk revolution" and the "tightening up on radical agitators without arousing protests over freedom of speech and the press."

The previous day the committee listened to Commander V. L. Kirkman of the Navy tell how the militant movement among the workers to better their conditions had spread distribution on board battleships. The fact that the enlisted men of the Navy received these leaflets, sympathetically, is what now is worrying the Navy officials, more than the methods by which they were distributed.

Communist Party Sends United Front Call To EPIC League

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Keenly aware of the urgent need for united action of the workers, unemployed, and small farmers of California to resist the drive against them by the reactionary Merriam regime, the District Executive Committee of the Communist Party has today sent to the State Committee, E. P. I. C. League, a call for joint action on four issues.

The Communist Party in its letter urges the appointment of a committee representing the E. P. I. C. League to meet with a similar committee of the Communist Party immediately, in order to discuss the proposed action further.

All members of E. P. I. C. clubs throughout the state are urged to bring this vital matter of joint action up at their meetings, and urge its adoption.

The call issued by the Communist Party follows:

December 20, 1934.

State Committee, E. P. I. C. League,
1501 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

It is now more than six weeks since Governor Merriam succeeded in bullying, bribing, lying and stealing his way back into the State Capitol.

For the workers, unemployed, small farmers and middle class of California, this promises another four years of wage cuts, vigilante and police terror, increased taxes and lowered unemployment relief. In fact the Governor is already appointing the most

reactionary officials in the State to all possible posts, so as to take such measures as will increase profit for the few at the expense of the people.

Those evil conditions which spurred approximately a million people to vote for candidates who stood against Merriam and for EPIC and Communist candidates are still with us—in many cases they are even worse. The Merriam gang is preparing a program for the next legislature that will greatly advance measures that smell of Hitlerism: The Repeal of the Sales Tax is to be made impossible; the Criminal Syndicalism law is to be extended; unemployment relief is to be cut; any real fight to raise the standard of living is to be made a violation of one or another law. The Hearst press, plus the Los Angeles Times and other Tory sheets are already preparing the ground for these anti-people measures.

But if the one million people who voted against the Merriam gang could become allies to fight against all these measures and in favor of a pro-labor, pro-unemployed, pro-farmer and pro-middle class program, then the organized reaction could be made to back down.

That is what we propose to you. We propose that we form a united front to fight for the following four points:

1. Repeal of the Sales Tax.
2. For Unemployment and Social Insurance at the expense of the bosses and the government.
3. Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law and all

anti-labor laws; to fight "vigilante-ism"; and to free Mooney.

4. Reduction of power rates, especially to working farmers.

We propose a united front on all or any one of the above issues. We believe that it is desirable that the trade unions, the Socialist Party and the Utopian Society shall be invited to join this united front. These organizations all have basic differences as to program and ultimate aims. But it is our belief that irrespective of these differences the mass of the membership in all the organizations involved would heartily agree on the above issues.

If you are sincere in your desire to win improved conditions for the people, you will let nothing stand in the way of getting all those who stand for all or any one of these points uniting for a common fight. In that way we have some assurance of winning.

We therefore urge that you elect a committee of three to represent you and meet with a similar committee from our organization to further discuss this matter and concretize it.

In view of the urgency of the situation, we ask your decision on this immediately.

Sincerely yours,

COMMUNIST PARTY.

(Signed) Sam Darcy, for the District Executive Committee.

TO BE HELD IN
SACRAMENTO
JAN. 27 & 28

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT
RELIEF BILL BEING
PLANNED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—To unite the strength of all workers' groups in California in a powerful united front struggle for unemployment insurance, a State Convention will be held in Sacramento on January 27 and 28.

Convening only twenty days after the National Congress for Unemployment and Social Insurance, to be held in Washington, D. C. January 5, 6 and 7, the state convention will fight for the passage of a state unemployment insurance bill patterned after the national bill (H.R. 7598). The convention will broaden the fight for social security to include campaigns on both a state and a national basis. The state bill is worded to specify that if passed it will be effective until such a time as the national bill is passed.

The convention is called by the State Unemployed Committee of Action, composed of rank and file delegates from organizations of unemployed workers throughout the state. All workers' organizations, employed or unemployed, are asked to send delegates. Unions, EPIC, Utopian and Townsend Plan groups have been formed in many localities for the circulation of convention petitions.

* 100,000 Signatures Sought.

A campaign is now on to collect 100,000 signatures demanding passage of the state bill; 5,200 petitions are now being circulated by thirty-eight fraternal, trade union, unemployed and other workers' groups. These signatures will be presented to the State Legislature by the convention.

Neighborhood committees for unemployment insurance are being formed wherever petitions are circulated.

The campaign for signatures is linked with the nationwide campaign for passage of the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill (H.R. 7598).

Organizations which are not already participating in the drive for signatures and delegates to the convention, are asked to get in touch with the State Unemployed Committee of Action, 542 Valencia St., San Francisco, or with the Public Works and Unemployed League in Los Angeles at Room 202, 224 S. Spring St. All signatures must be turned in (Continued on Page 3, Col. 7.)

S. F. Workers!
Turn In Bazaar
Funds, Articles

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—All workers who have already sold tickets for the Four-Day Western Worker Bazaar to be held Dec. 28, 29, 30 and 31, are urged by the Bazaar Management Committee to turn in the proceeds as soon as possible as funds are needed for last-minute arrangements.

Workers are urged to intensify their activities in collecting articles for the bazaar during this week.

The Jugoslav Workers' Club reports that it has collected 200 pounds of prunes already, and is working to get large quantities of fruit and nuts. The booth where these will be sold will be handled by the South Slav comrades.

How about other workers' organizations?

Pitch in and help make this bazaar a financial success. Your work this coming week can guarantee a very welcome and much-needed New Year's gift to the Western Worker.

5 FROM CAL. TO
ATTEND NATIONAL
UNEMPLOYED MEET

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Five California delegates have been elected as representatives to the fourth national convention of the National Unemployed Council to be held in Washington, D. C., January 8 and 9. Two were elected from the San Francisco Bay area, two from Los Angeles and one from Sacramento. The delegates also will attend the National Congress for Unemployment Insurance which will precede the convention.

Fred Adams, member of the Public Works and Unemployed Union and of the Workers' Emergency League, elected as San Francisco delegate, has already left for Washington.

The convention will adopt a program of struggle to force real unemployment relief from federal, state and local authorities.

It is now plain to be seen the quack social insurance plans dreamed up by President Roosevelt with the aid of bankers and industrialists have for their main objective the further expropriation of the workers in favor of the owners of the means of production. Furthermore the government has announced relief appropriations will be cut down and it is to be left to the employers to "reemploy" millions of workers.

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Minimum Wage Is
Denied To Men
On Public Works

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Arizona's minimum wage law does not apply to public works jobs on which Federal Emergency Relief Administration funds are used, Arthur T. LaPrade, attorney general, held yesterday in an opinion addressed to T. H. O'Brien, chairman of the Arizona State Welfare Board.

In an original opinion made by the attorney general it was held that because FEERA money became state relief funds after allocation by the federal government, wages were to be paid in accordance with the state minimum wage law which provides for 50 cents per hour on all public projects.

LaPrade's reversal came as an aftermath of a conference with Governor B. B. Moeur, Florence Warner and T. H. O'Brien; the latter two represented the FEERA and State Welfare Board in Arizona.

Leaflet Distributors
Jailed In Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—Louis Jessen and Harold Foster were arrested for distributing leaflets advertising the Angelo Herndon-De Jonge meeting on Saturday afternoon.

Their trial took place on Monday, Dec. 17, and both received \$5 fines, which they are both serving in jail.

WORKERS ON 3 ROADS FOR STRIKE
IF P. E. TRAINMEN WALK OUT

Settlement Granting Increased Wages
and Shorter Hours Reported By Mediator

BULLETIN

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—Granting increase in wages and shorter hours, the threat of strike by the Pacific Electric trainmen, and men of three main steam lines, was reported averted last night according to announcement of Wm. Leiserson, chairman of the National Mediation Board. This, if true, is the culmination of a whole series of efforts to break the strike of railway men in this city by preventing the P. E. men and three transcontinental lines from joining their ranks.

The award is said to include pay increases from 3% to 5%, effective January 1st; eight-hour day; and time and a half for overtime.

Whether or not the men will accept the offer, it is not known as we go to press.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—With the trainmen of three major railways ready to support their fellow workers on the Pacific Electric Company with strike action, officials of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen of the P.E. line stilled for time to complete a sell-out "compromise" and refused to call the workers out on strike.

Yesterday the 8,000 trainmen working on the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and Santa Fe lines voted to go out in a sympathy strike with the P. E. workers. Even with this support, which would make the chances of victory for the P. E. workers such that it practically guarantees the winning of major concessions, the officials of the B. of R. T. are still refusing to take strike action.

Strike action by the B. of R. T. at this time would also mean that the strikers would be in a position to win the Los Angeles Railway Company would be (Continued on Page 3, Col. 3.)

400 Hear Herndon
At Portland Rally

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—Angelo Herndon, nationally known Negro worker facing the Georgia chain gang, spoke last night in behalf of the nine Scottsboro boys before four hundred people who crowded the W.O.W. Hall.

Herndon appealed for unity of Negro and white workers in the struggle against hunger and discrimination.

Dirk De Jonge spoke first. Later both left for Centralia where a meeting is scheduled to be held tonight.

Tune In KTAB
Wed. Night For
News Broadcast

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—A weekly broadcast of current world events analyzed from a Marxian point of view will begin Wednesday night, Dec. 26, at 6:45 p.m., over Station KTAB. The series will be an extension course of the San Francisco Workers' School.

Lawrence Ross, coeditor of the Western Worker, will conduct the course which will review both world-wide and local news from the standpoint of working class interests.

Workers are urged not only to tune in on these broadcasts themselves but to popularize them among other workers. Visit your friends and ask them to tune in. Afterward, discuss the broadcast with them. Arrange discussion parties on Wednesday nights. If you are in a restaurant or public place where there is a radio, ask them to tune in on KTAB. If there is a music or radio store in your territory which has a loudspeaker on the street, get them to tune in to KTAB at 6:45 on Wednesday evening.

Orr Case Appealed
To Superior Court

RICHMOND, Calif., Dec. 18.—Violet Orr, Communist candidate for assembly in the last elections, was sentenced last Saturday to a six months' suspended sentence and a \$25 fine or \$1 per day in jail.

Comrade Orr was arrested on Oct. 29 for distributing Communist Party election campaign leaflets. In spite of the fact that the party was on the ballot, a permit was refused by the authorities of this Standard Oil-controlled town. The judge refused to admit refusal to grant a permit as evidence for the defense.

The sentence has been appealed by the International Labor Defense.

Workers of Contra Costa county have been brought to the Western Worker office by voters themselves. Paper clips were inserted in voting machines, polling booth officials refused to count Communist votes and in hundreds of cases falsified counts

2 DEAD AS MOB
FIGHTS MILITIA
IN LYNCH CASE

SHELBYVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 20.—Lynch violence, which has been deliberately engendered in the Southern states for a weapon against Negro workers, yesterday broke out in this little town as militia and a mob battled each other. Two were dead and a score wounded when militia fired machine guns into a mob that was reported to be trying to dynamite the county courthouse in an effort to get at E. K. Harris, who is being held on charges of rape of a white girl.

In retaliation, the lynch mob attacked the courthouse, spread gasoline and burned the \$150,000 structure to the ground. Further threats to burn or dynamite the waterworks during this orgy have resulted in the sending of 300 militia into the town today, with two other companies from Athens and Cleveland expected to be in soon and bring the total to 500 guardsmen.

Thwarted of their prey the mob spent the night terrorizing the Negro section of the town and those families whose homes are deserted today have barricaded their doors. Those remaining are reported to be in constant fear of the mob's attack.

The attack began when the drunken mob, a usual complement of every trial of a Negro who has been charged with "rape," broke into the court. A mistrial was declared and Harris returned (Continued on Page 3, Col. 6.)

COMMUNIST CANDIDATE RECEIVED
100,820 VOTES, OFFICIALS ADMIT

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 20.—One hundred thousand, eight hundred and twenty workers voted for Anita Whitney, Communist Candidate for Governor, received a total of 5,826 votes. But on the very night of election the capitalist papers of Los Angeles already had credited Darcy with 8,799 votes. Two days later this total had shrunk to 5,356.

More than this, thousands of workers were coerced, on threats of losing their jobs, into voting for Merriam. sheer economic compulsion in the hands of the employers contributed to the victory of Merriam and his reactionary, vote-stealing machine.

Milen Dempster, Socialist Party candidate for governor received but 2,947 votes according to these same "official" figures. There is no basic reason to believe Socialist Party votes were stolen wholesale as was the case with the Communist vote for it is only the Communists the bosses now fear.

Other returns as given by the (Continued on Page 3, Col. 7.)

OPERATORS FLOOD
MINES, STARVING
500 STRIKERS OUT

JACKSON, Amador County, Calif., Dec. 21.—Wealthy gold mine operators of this city have threatened to deprive 500 militant striking miners of their livelihood by flooding the mines which have been inactive since the beginning of the strike in October, more than two months ago.

"Return to work or we will close our mines, permanently!" is the ultimatum issued to the striking workers who are demanding 50 cents increase in daily base pay, improved working conditions and recognition of their union.

Following the boarding up of the main shaft of the Kennedy mine, one of the four being flooded, and Tim Reardon's failure to "settle" the strike again, efforts are now being made to bring in San Francisco officials to end the strike. Urged by Edward Vandeleur, Michael Casey and John O'Connell, three San Francisco Labor Council fakers notorious for their activity in betraying the San Francisco general strike, Mayor Rossi agreed last night to act as "arbitrator." Miners and operators were invited to meet with him. The issue remaining to be solved is union recognition, which the operators refuse to grant.

Steal Darcy Votes

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Fascist Gang Smashes Headquarters of M.W. I. U. in San Pedro Raid

East of the Rockies

Govt. Workers Back Striking Reporters

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—Striking editorial workers of the Newark Ledger gained a new ally this week when N.R.A. employees of Lodge 91, of the American Federation of Government Employees adopted a resolution to support the walkout. The resolution demands that the publishers stop persecuting reporters for their membership in the Newspapermen's Guild. A donation accompanied the resolution.

U. S. Builds More Bombers

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 20.—At the same time capitalist newspapers all over the country announce Roosevelt's policy of "keeping this country out of war," the same papers carry, on the inside pages, stories that begin with "Great engines of death are the new Martin bombers being built here for the War Department, a fleet of 95 of which are to be delivered, three each week, to the Army Air Corps." Four workers will be necessary to man each bomber. The bottom is raked, in the latest style, for carrying bombs to be dropped upon workers and their families.

Storekeepers Absorb Sales Tax

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Faced with the alternative of losing thousands of worker-customers, many store owners are absorbing the new 2½ per cent sales tax foisted upon the workers by Mayor La Guardia and his friends, the bankers. The mayor is now looking for ways and means of forcing the storekeepers to collect the pennies from the workers. Mass refusal to pay the tax has kept city officials on edge for more than two weeks.

35 Huey Long Bills Passed

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 20.—Huey Long, self-styled dictator of Louisiana, this week forced 35 bills, all of them designed to strengthen his grip upon local and state government, through the House Ways and Means "Committee." The bills were rubber-stamped by the committee in less than two hours and soon are destined to go to the House where they will receive their third and final reading.

Commerce, Industry Unite Against Workers

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Dec. 19.—The big moguls of industry and business who are meeting in convention here this week are discussing plans whereby they may set up a united front which, under the demagogic guise of "aiding" recovery, will be aimed directly at further lowering the standard of living for millions of workers. Extensive co-operation between government and industry is advocated, with a special bureau at the national capital, to aid the united front. The United States Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers and other organizations are participating in the conference.

Court Ruling Would Evict Kansas Farmers

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 20.—Hundreds of poor and middle farmers of Kansas stand to lose their farms as a result of a ruling recently handed down by Judge Pollock of the Federal court limiting the application of the Kansas moratorium law. Backing up the insurance companies, the bankers and the rich farmers, Pollock ruled that the moratorium law passed at a recent emergency session of the Kansas legislature, does not apply to farms sold for mortgages previous to the law's enactment. He also ruled the law is unconstitutional in prolonging the redemption periods in force at the time of the law's enactment.

GALA EVENING

—given by—

Hollywood Workers' Club and Jewish Children's School

SUNDAY, DEC. 23rd, 6 P. M.—at

HOLLYWOOD WORKERS' CENTER

1116 N. Lillian Way

A 4 IN 1 EVENT:—(1) Delicious Dinner Served, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (2) An Entertaining Program, 8:30 to 10:30.

(3) Dancing—to real music. (4) Your enjoyment assured.

Admission 15c

Dinner 25c

POLICE REFUSE TO PROSECUTE THUG RAIDERS

DELAY ANSWERING ALARM UNTIL THUGS FINISH WRECKING HALL

SAN PEDRO, Dec. 17.—Vigilantes raided the headquarters of the Marine Workers Industrial Union at 246 West Sixth Street, late Friday night and completely wrecked the hall.

Appearing about midnight when there were no members around to offer resistance, more than a dozen of them broke the lock and gained entrance. They broke all lights, mutilated fixtures, destroyed all literature and did not leave a single fixture or piece of equipment untouched.

When one M.W.I.U. member happened by and saw what was in progress he called a special policeman. The cop showed up about twenty minutes later. He walked down the street with the vigilantes and finally arrested two of them and took them to police headquarters.

The police instantly released the vigilantes and advised them that "they should have thrown everything into the street while they were at it."

Emergency Call For Bail Bonds and Property

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—Property bail is coming in very slowly. Only \$4000 so far is available.

We call upon every member of the labor movement and every sympathizer to rally to the defense of McShann. We are informed that this worker walks the floor almost day and night, unable to rest because of pain he suffers from what is believed to be a burst ear drum.

We must have \$16,000 more property immediately for his bail, and an additional \$40,000 worth for Toth and others.

We must send in protests demanding that he be allowed to have a private doctor.

RUSH! RUSH! IMMEDIATELY! Property bonds or cash—to the District Office, Room 317, 127 So. Broadway, Los Angeles, Calif.

VOTE FOR HR 7598

The Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill

BALLOT

I have read the Workers' Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill and Vote

For

Against

Name

Address

City and State

Vote NOW and mail your ballot to the "DAILY WORKER" 50 East 13th Street, New York, N. Y.

The "Daily Worker," central organ of the Communist Party, has launched a campaign to obtain one million votes for the Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill. This is one of the means by which workers can show their solidarity behind the only bill which provides a measure of real security: unemployment and social insurance at the expense of the government and the employers, with a minimum weekly payment of \$10 cash for each head of family and \$3.00 additional for each dependent.

Vote yourself—then take extra ballots around to the SERA jobs, to welfare bureaus, and circulate them in trade unions and other working class organizations.

Tell other workers of this Bill. Popularize the National Congress for Unemployment Insurance, which will be held in Washington January 5, 6 and 7.

The time is short. Your security is at stake. Action must be immediate!

Fascist Suppression Planned In Arizona

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 14.—Calling for fascist measures against the militant working class in Arizona, Frank E. Flynn, deputy United States district attorney, told members of the "Dons' Club" yesterday that insidious work was being done by the agents of Communism.

"Any movement that has captured one-sixth of the world's land cannot be ignored, however unsympathetic we may be," Flynn said. "The Communists will stop at nothing to attain their goal, unless they are curbed by forceful methods."

The club voted to authorize its board of directors to prepare formal endorsement of the movement against Communism, as launched locally by various fascist civic groups.

U. S. Attorney Flynn has devoted himself to a number of fascist addresses before local clubs and lodges on the dangers of Communism. The State Committee of the Communist Party has issued several challenges to him to debate the issue with an official representative of the party. This has been refused on the grounds that Mr. Flynn "prefers to speak before his own audience and the Communists can speak before theirs."

Turkey Pickers Win Sandwiches By "Agitating"

By a Worker Correspondent
TULARE, Calif., Dec. 14.—Pickers at a local poultry shipping house are forced to work long hours. However, wages have not been increased in comparison with the ever-increasing cost of food and clothing or with the higher prices the shipper is getting for his turkeys this year.

Workers are told by the boss that he can sell poultry alive and thus deprive them of even the small wages they now receive. However, we know the boss is more interested in the difference in price between live and dressed turkeys than he is in the welfare of the workers. Six cents is the price a worker receives for picking a turkey. If turkeys bring five cents more per pound dressed than alive, how much does the boss profit on a fifteen-pound turkey?

Recently the workers here were forced to work late at night and someone said:

"It is eight cents per turkey—or sandwiches!"

The boss was horrified and wanted to know who was "agitating" for higher wages. But at midnight the sandwiches were sent in to the workers.

Striking Jobless Oklahoma Miners Win Job, Food

McALESTER, Okla., Dec. 16.—Both food and jobs were won by several hundred unemployed miners of Pittsburgh county who for days had been on a hunger strike at the county court house here.

Dismayed at the show of militancy, local authorities were forced to give in when the miners stuck to their determination to continue the strike until their demands are met.

A heavy confab of officials was called and as a result, the men were promised SE. KA jobs and local merchants were ordered to give them \$5 food orders which Governor-elect E. W. Marland promised would be paid for at the next meeting of the state legislature.

Girl Released From Nazi Prison Tells Of Communists' Courage

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A thrilling story of how Communists held incommunicado in Morabite Prison, Germany, one of Hitler's "death-houses," sang "The Red Front" and the "Internationale" each night until they were stopped, was told to an interviewer by Miss Lillian Isobel Steele, American girl held several months in prison on charges of being a spy.

Miss Steele is aboard the S.S. President Harding bound for America. She still is reticent and does not like to talk of the horrors to which she and her fellow prisoners were subjected by the Nazi terrorists.

Young Communist girls and women whose cases were not known to the public, received the worst treatment, Miss Steele declared. But this did not keep them from singing revolutionary songs each night before they went to sleep.

She said her cell had been marked with a cross, indicating she had been marked for execution. Most of her fellow inmates were Communists of whom 500 were girls and 1,000 were men. She was slated to face the notorious Peoples Court composed of Nazi tools but suddenly it was decided to release her, on condition she would not "talk" about her experiences while in the hands of Hitler's agents.

"Once a bird sang outside in the courtyard," Miss Steele said. "I went to the window and whistled a reply. Immediately a door opened and a matron came in, saying, 'Now I know how you signal, you sly one!'"

Foreign News Briefs

Duce Waves The Sword

LITTORIA, Italy, Dec. 19.—Premier Benito Mussolini, to the accompaniment of booming cannon and roaring bombers, told the crowd assembled here to inaugurate the new province of Littoria that "to us Fascists, fighting is more important than victory." In line with his imperialistic policy, which now is resulting in the slaughter of hundreds of workers in Abyssinia, Il Duce declared military strength a prime necessity of Fascism. "The nation," he howled, "must be strong from a military viewpoint."

Cuban Workers In Revolt

HAVANA, Dec. 19.—Government officials are in a panic as a result of new bombings in which 40 bombs were exploded and five persons were injured. The seething unrest in Cuba has been brought about by imperialist exploitation of Cuban workers by American bankers and the administration frantically is attempting to avert a workers' revolt which would cut huge profits from under the feet of the bankers. The Communist Party of Cuba, with a majority of the workers already following its lead, is fighting acts of individual terror such as these bombings as well as the boss terror loosed by the tools of American imperialism.

Tampico Strikers On Solidarity Move

TAMPICO, Mexico, Dec. 18.—More than 30,000 workers who had been striking in sympathy with chauffeurs, returned to work today but left behind them the threat of a real general strike if the demands of the chauffeurs are not granted. Utility services were at a standstill and stores were closed during the strike.

Oxford Anti-Fascists Win Victory

OXFORD, England, Dec. 20.—After more than nine months of "illegality" the Oxford Club, student anti-fascist club of 125 members, has been reinstated. The club was "abolished" last winter when it organized a public demonstration against military training and against Sir Oswald Mosley, leader of the British fascists. The members, many of whom are Communist sympathizers, continued to hold meetings in secret and this term the Oxford Club expects to carry on militant anti-war and anti-fascist activity. It is cooperating with the Labor Club, a student Socialist organization which includes 30 Americans among its members.

British Fascists Turned Loose

LEWES, England, Dec. 26.—Although it was proven at the trial that Fascists were responsible for all the trouble at a recent meeting where Sir Oswald Mosley was the main speaker, the judge turned Mosley and three of his followers loose. They were charged with riotous assembly and several Communists and workers were arrested when they attempted to protect themselves from Mosley's things who packed the meeting place.

Chaco Oil War To Continue

ASUNCION, Paraguay, Dec. 19.—Despite the "efforts" of the League of Nations to "end" the bloody imperialist struggle for the control of immense oil deposits in South America, it appears the war will continue as both sides have again lined up after a momentary lull. The United States, whose munitions manufacturers have been supplying the warring countries with armaments and other war materials, was to have acted in the capacity of "mediator." British and American oil interests are using South American workers in their attempts to gain control of the oil fields.

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World Events and Western Workers

By Emmett Kirby

Chinese Red Army Continues Victorious Advance — Disproves Censored Dispatches In Capitalist Press — 200,000 Parade On Third Anniversary of Soviet China — Chiang Kai-shek Quarrels With French-Backed Bandits

of the masses through downright betrayal, bandit Chiang Kai-shek

massed some 200,000 men in south Hunan to stem the advance of the Red Army as well as to launch an offensive against the Kwangsi bandits, viz. Li Chun-jin and Pei Tsungshui. The troops of Chiang are gradually approaching the Kwangsi border with the apparent purpose of invasion.

Submissive to imperialism but hostile to Nanking the Kwangsi bandits headed by Li and Pei have been building up a mighty military force with the help of French imperialism which has supplied a considerable lust to grab Kwangsi and Kweichow.

From Paris the Kwangsi bandits have secured large loans and armaments in exchange for the establishment of a practical protectorate in these two provinces under French control. Now Kwangsi has 54 planes, the bulk of them bought from France, and rains the pilots through French instructors. The military strength of the Kwangsi bandits, estimated at 50,000 men, is immensely inferior to that of bandit Chiang who is supplemented with a militia force of some 3,000,000. These militia are a force of the Tuhao class and may prove unreliable in the fight with Nanking which represents the interests of the Tuhao just as well.

Since the collapse of the people's government in Fukien last year bandit Chiang belittled the Kwangsi faction as a powerful enemy. He intended to buy them over. But under the protection of French imperialism Kwangsi possesses now a military machine just as powerful as Chiang's, though numerically it is much inferior. It has all the modern weapons at its disposal as well as large quantities of ammunition in store. Bandit Chiang is aided by blue shirts (fascists), while Kwangsi commands large numbers of National Socialists (all fascist bandits). Aerial defense maneuvers practiced by Chiang at Shanghai and Nanking, a hostile echo throughout Kwangsi. In Wuchow and Kweichow the same maneuvers were held with Chiang as the main objective. In the middle of November the arrival of the gov-



The above map, compiled on the latest authentic and uncensored sources, shows the development of Soviet China

ernor of Indo-China at Nanning, capital of Kwangsi, and his aid to the Kwangsi bandits regarding their anti-Chiang military schemes, amount to giving cheers to the anti-Chiang Kwangsi bandits.

Acting in the same way as bandit Chiang does, namely, massing large bodies of troops in North Kwangsi obviously in an attempt to check the advance of the Red Army, the Kwangsi bandit leaders never lose sight of the possible attack from bandit Chiang. With the arrival of Li and Pei at Kweichow the war between Kwangsi and Chiang moves rapidly towards the breaking point.

Under present conditions it may break out any time. The heroic Red Army can turn this armed conflict to their advantage in the extension of the revolutionary war and finish all the counter-revolutionary forces commanded by Kwangsi and Chiang by a series of revolutionary battles.

October Revolution Widely Celebrated In China

According to the wireless messages from Jiuken, Red Capital, 200,000 workers and peasants took part in the most impressive Octo-

ber Revolution celebration on Nov. 7, 1934, the 17th anniversary of the October Revolution, on which date also falls the 3rd anniversary of Soviet China (which formally came into existence in 1931). Immensely enthusiastic were the young toilers who assembled in overwhelmingly large numbers around the Red Square of the capital far ahead of the scheduled time. Three days before the celebration the capital was crammed with workers, peasants, Red Guards, Youth Vanguard, Boy Scouts and delegates of the mass organizations who had poured into the city continuously. Owing to the lack of

house accommodations the Soviet government was forced to build new huts and sheds to house the crowds of newcomers.

Exactly at 6 o'clock in the morning the celebrations opened amid the thunder of guns with the attention of the huge crowds centered on the elevated rostrum on which stood Comrade Bokor, representative of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China; Comrade Mow Tsungting, chairman of the central Soviet government; Comrade Chu Teh, commander-in-chief of the Red Army, etc. Comrade Bokor made the opening speech, followed by a rather lengthy talk of Comrade Mow Tsungting. Then Comrade Chu Teh made a brief speech in behalf of the Red Army, assuring that the Red Army of Soviet China will sacrifice everything in the fight against Japanese imperialism, drive out all imperialists, recover all territory, Manchuria, Jehol and North China, seized by Japanese robbers and clear all the treacherous Kuomintang bandits and fascists, that he is quite sure of smashing the 5th drive of imperialist-Kuomintang bandits. Each speech whether long or short was greeted with thunderous applause and the whole capital in a deafening noise. Then followed the shouted slogans:

- 1) Down with Japanese imperialism and all imperialists!
- 2) Defend Soviet China with flesh and blood!
- 3) Shatter the "encircling" campaign of 80,000 bandits!

Literally, the celebrations unprecedented in enthusiasm and display ended at 10 o'clock. The crowd did not break. A little while later the military parade took place with the participation of the infantry, cavalry regiments, the artillery battalion and cadets of the red schools. Both men and officers marched in a triumphant spirit, confident of the victory ahead. The infantry regiment had just returned from serious fighting at the front and carried the news of the success of the Red Army to the masses. At the same time three airplanes circled over the city, presenting a very interesting spectacle to the mass of onlookers. The military review lasted an hour and a half. At the celebration this year there were twice as many participants as one year previous, a fact that testifies to the greater

determination on the part of the masses to defend the Soviets as their own governing machine against the 800,000 white bandits closing in on the Soviet districts.

Triumphant March of Our Red Army

On Nov. 13 the third division of the 1st Army Corps of the Red Army crushed the 1st bandit division under Yu Han-mo, capturing one divisional assistant commander, five regimental commanders together with dozens of non-commissioned officers. Besides 2,000 rifles were seized along with 65 machine guns. Later on the Red Army smashed the 3rd independent division of the Kwangtung bandits who were rushed up as reinforcements. At Chenkow the 9th division of the Red Army disarmed entirely the whole 2nd independent Brigade capturing 2,000 prisoners. Another portion of the 1st Corps of the Red Army made a descent from Lochang to Hsiaokwan in N. Kwangtung, sweeping everything before it, advancing as far as 40 li from the city. A stream of the Tuhao and comrades at Canton stampeded for Hongkong by boat. In fear of being cut off, the remnant parts of the 1st and 2nd division of the bandits stationed at Nanshan and Jenghua were hastily withdrawn to Hsiaokwan by an emergency order of bandit Chen Chitong. In face of this serious situation bandit Chiang Kai-shek wired Chen to make a brave stand but the latter waved back saying, "More military funds, please!"

In south Hunan the Red Army took three more victories, namely, Lanyang, Yirshin and Tsenhsien, disrupting the bus traffic between Hunan and Kwangtung. The remnant bandits under Tao Kwan in the neighborhood of Yu-Chen were entirely cleared up with the capture of 1,000 prisoners. The fierce fighting is still in progress in the Yintzen zone with the Red Army gaining the upper hand over the main body of the bandits who put up stiff resistance. But the bandits are on the verge of disintegration. Bandit Ho Chien, commander-in-chief taking charge of the Yintzen zone, hurried to Hengchow by motor to direct operations in person but, disheartened by serious reverses, flew to Nanchang in a giant plane of the German Euroasia Co. standing by and intended to ask for a pardon from bandit Chiang.

Large units of the Red Army entered south Fukien and collaborated closely with the masses, forcing the bulk of the bandit army to retreat along a wide front.



By MICHAEL QUIN

The frenzied terror of American capitalists at the growing influence of Communism and its threat to their hog's share in the universe has worked them into such a state of hysteria that they jump every time an automobile backfires.

The industry with which they are planning a barricade of fascist legislation to protect their loot is one of the wildest displays of cowardice and greed that has ever disgraced the pages of history. They hope to railroad this devilish machine of terror and suppression through the next session of Congress.

If that windy assemblage of stuffed shirts O. K. half the resolutions their masters have for them, they will be able to chop a man's head off for whistling the International.

Unable to stand up on a platform and present any sane argument why a small minority of crooked, scheming parasites should own the earth as their private property and force the majority to exist as their underpaid wage slaves or else to skip along on a miserly dole or starve, they have to resort to violence.

You can't get any boss or any boss mouthpiece to debate with a Communist any more. They tried it for a while in the earlier days of the crisis and the Reds made monkeys out of them.

So they resort to screaming "Americanism" (meaning capitalism) and "Ideals of American democracy" (meaning ideals of capitalism) and trying to convince the masses that Communism is a plot to make slaves of them. They have no argument to back this up. Their only hope is to control all mediums of publicity and to keep the Communist from talking. In order to do this they have to stifle free speech, free press and freedom of assembly.

They are trying to railroad through legislation to accomplish this or to utilize existing legislation like the Criminal Syndicalism law. Meanwhile, too terrified to wait for this slow machinery, they try to accomplish it by vigilante (gangster) violence. They instruct their police departments not to interfere with their vigilantes, and thus are able to act with as much license as ancient monarchs. Another of their tricks is to arrest Communists and railroad them to jail on any old charge.

Their newspaper technique is a masterpiece of humbuggery. They adopt the suave "You and me, fellow citizen" tone of voice and write as if it were taken for granted that "We, of course, don't want Communism." They never write as if the reader might be interested in Communism and are trying to argue him away. They are too smart for that. It is always the attitude of "You want to stamp out Communism, and we are a 100 per cent American newspaper and we are going to back you up in this thoroughly meritorious desire."

Can you imagine the flabby, corpulent bulk of William Randolph Hearst parking his fat haunches in a easy chair in his San Simeon Palace (Julius Caesar had nothing so elegant) and writing to a longshoreman, a factory worker, a \$20 a week clerk, an agricultural laborer or a poor farmer and saying: "You and me, fellow American citizen, we want to stamp out Communism?"

A thing they are careful never to mention is why Americans don't have Communism if they want it. They talk of the "contagiousness" and the "rapid spread" of "Communist ideas" and even confess the decline of what they ambiguously refer to as "Americanism." Therefore it behooves every American to investigate what it is that causes the healthy growth of Communism and the diseased decay of so called "Americanism." You had better buy a copy of WHY COMMUNISM (5c) and read it over carefully.

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C. S. CASES

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First there was a nightmare phantasm about a kidnapped witness which even the capitalist press of this city could not stomach. Last week it was the equally fantastic tale of how two of the prospective jurors and McAllister himself had been threatened with death if the prosecution did not cease its operations.

*** Lie Nailed**
The latter lie was nailed to the courtroom floor by the insistent questions of Leo Gallagher, fighting I.L.D. attorney. Gallagher so entangled the District Attorney and the jurors in the contradictions of their attempted frame-up that it was obvious to all the wild yarn had no basis in truth. But the boss-class—the rich farmers, the P. G. and E. and the bankers—though frantic and somewhat injudicious in their choice of a tool, are not letting down for one split second in their attempt to establish a precedent for using thousands of other California workers who are fighting for better conditions. In and out of court the bosses are using every tactic available—and there are many—in order to railroad the seventeen workers to jail.

Although the two capitalist papers of Sacramento seek with a daily press of lies Communist Party leaflets stating the true aspects of the case are forbidden distribution within the city limits. Mass meetings in protest against the attempted frame-up are "illegal." Every motion made by Leo Gallagher which might be construed as having for its object the actual aiding of the defense, is denied by Judge Lennon.

*** Boss Puppets Present**
Puppets of the bosses—literary "lights" and otherwise—are flocking into town as it becomes more obvious the District Attorney is liable to botch the job he is being paid to do. "Red" Hynes formerly of the Los Angeles "Red Squad" and veteran of a thousand attacks upon defenseless workers is here, accompanied by the "Red Squad" and Hoffman, President of the Better American Federation.

Gilbert Parker, expert "publicity" man for the Associated Farmers, a vigilante organization of rich land-owners, is here digging up mire to cast in worker's faces. The American Legion has its official representatives in daily attendance at the trial.

The Young Citizens' League, formerly the Citizens' Committee—has made several attempts to force its members into the jury box. Until now this vigilante organization has met but infrequently since it organized the July terror but now it meets almost daily, coinciding with the sudden appearance of Red Hynes. Buchler, an assistant to the District Attorney is an admitted member of this group.

*** Union Members Barred**
All attempts to pass workers—members of unions—into the jury box have been quashed by McAllister and only a mighty storm of protest, arising from workers and all workers and liberal organizations can save these seventeen workers. It is up to the workers to rescue them from a criminal frame-up sentence to prison. The court should be packed with workers and the protest letters and telegrams must pour into Sacramento before it is too late. Protests should be directed to Judge Lennon and Governor Merriam.

Recent arrival of Wm. F. "Red" Hynes and Carl Abbott of the Los Angeles Red Squad, and Hoffman of the Better American Federation, immediately brought to a head the attempt to frame up the International Labor Defense in death threat charges.

Almost immediately after Hynes' arrival, Mrs. R. B. Nicks came weeping to the courtroom with a story that her husband and King, another prospective juror, and District Attorney Neil McAllister had been threatened with death by shooting and drowning if they attempted to serve on the jury.

It is significant that the Nicks family did not arrive in Sacramento until after the Red Raids had taken place, and that although the family is unemployed they are living in comfortable circumstances. They formerly lived in Los Angeles—the city of "Red" Hynes—and although they have lived in Sacramento less than six months and hence could not be registered voters as jurors are required to be, they have been put on the jury panel.

Martin Wilson, one of the workers who is defending himself, was cited for contempt of court for exposing in the courtroom the rankness of this frame-up.

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*** Sharp Break Urged.**

Workers on the Pacific Electric are being urged by rank and file members of the B. of R. T. to break sharply with the sell-out policies of the union misleaders, "sympathetic" action, and put forward and initiate a strike movement of their own demands.

from below. This movement, rank and file workers point out, has been vitally necessary since it is evident that their officials are determined to pursue the sell-out policy of stalling.
At the same time, workers on the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and Santa Fe are being urged by the B. of R. T. rank and file members working on those lines to go beyond the mere offer of "sympathetic" action, and put forward and initiate a strike movement of their own demands.

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'SCABBY' WRITES

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would have no excuse for deliberately breaking it, for such action would only tend to turn public sentiment and the government against us. The paragraph in your letter concerning the manner in which the shipowners are trying to dodge the contract is absolutely true in many regards, but they are living up to the major principles of the award. But you are asking us to go on record that we will break the award, which is certainly not feasible under any circumstances; even the shipowners haven't the nerve to deliberately come out and state that they are going to break the award with impunity whenever it suits their purposes.

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LYNCHING

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to jail. The mob grew and finally when storming the building a second time, after being beaten off by militia shortly before noon, were fired on by militia. A bit later Harris, disguised in a militia uniform and gas mask, was rushed with an escort to Nashville, where he is now held.

The feeling is intense, for lynch mobs have customarily had their murderous way against Negro victims, and for guardsmen to protect Harris fired them to the point of burning the courthouse.

This Frankenstein built up by the Southern landowners is now turning against them; these two elements which fought each other yesterday were formerly used in united attack against Negro workers. The tremendous worldwide wave of sentiment against lynching roused by the campaign for the Scottsboro boys, plus the fact that the increased attack on the living standards of the workers, Negro and white, is bringing a growing unity of struggle, has made this acute situation worse and certain pseudo-liberals, embarrassed at the notoriety, want to use the courts entirely for their legal lynchings, instead of drunken mobs.

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officials are: Pettis Perry, lieutenant governor, 10,528; Harold Ashe, secretary of state, 47,585; Archie Brown, state treasurer, 25,723; Pat Chambers, U. S. Senator and write in candidate, 1,025. Congressional representatives — Albert Hougardy, third district, 1,167; Minnie Carson, fourth district, 1,810; Alex Noral, fifth district, 5,933; J. J. Graham, fifteenth district, 1,268; Lawrence Ross, fourteenth district, 1,086; Clyde Champion, eighteenth district, 1,174; State Board of Equalization, second district, Pete Garcia, 20,424.

Despite racketeering, intimidation, coercion and outright stealing of votes, the fact is self-evident that hundreds of thousands of California voters no longer are willing to swallow the quick remedies cooked up for their befuddlement by the old line parties. The significance of the final election figures is not that the Communist Party did not win the election but that more and more as the crisis deepens, workers are turning to the Communist Party for leadership based on class struggle lines instead of demagogic phrases offered by the parties of the ruling class.

FIVE DELEGATES

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The national call for the convention emphasizes the fact that it is the task of all local, city, county and state organizations of the N. U. C. to approach all organizations in their vicinity to induce them to send delegates to the National Congress for Unemployment and Social Insurance which will be held in Washington on January 5, 6 and 7, immediately preceding the National Unemployment Councils Convention.

The federal government has made it perfectly clear that it will not introduce the program of so-called "social security" announced by Roosevelt in his speech of June 28th. One of the main tasks of the N. U. C. will be to mobilize all unemployed organizations to carry on a genuine struggle for social insurance as embodied only in the Workers' Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill (H.R. 7598).

State Unemployed Convention Called

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by January 23.

*** Mass Meeting January 6.**

The Public Works and Unemployed Union of San Francisco is organizing a united front mass meeting and demonstration for Sunday, January 6, to rally support for the convention.

A registration fee of 25 cents will be charged for all delegates to the convention in order to defray expenses. Signers of petitions are asked to contribute one cent, although this is optional with the signer.

The struggle for passage of both state and national unemployment insurance bills is the basic mass campaign before the working class. All working class organizations are asked to give full support to the Unemployed Committee of Action in its signature and convention drive.

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Editorial Column

Hearst Calls For Murder

William Randolph Hearst, in shooting his latest editorial nom against the working class, openly calls for the murder of the leaders of working class struggles!

Referring to the execution by the Soviet Government of armed terrorists sent in to attack the workers' and farmers' government, Hearst advocates similar action against Communists. Pointing to the openly declared revolutionary principles of the Communist Party, he writes: "If anti-Communists made an equivalent declaration in Communist Russia they would be backed up against a prison wall and ruthlessly shot to death."

Mr. Hearst seeks to give the impression that there is no difference between assassins sent by White Guard counter-revolutionary groups to strike against a government and economy operated for the benefit of all producing people, and workers who are members of a Party which seeks to win a majority of the working class with the express aim of abolishing a system which spells luxury for the few and misery for the great masses!

"We are a compassionate people and never yet has the firing squad been a political weapon of ours. On the other hand we must not be fatuously indifferent to treasonable activities," Hearst declares.

Plainly, he says that the time for using the firing squad has arrived! It is not for nothing that Hearst recently paid a visit to Nazi Germany. It is not for nothing that Hearst more recently went into a huddle with Hans Luther, emissary of the Hitler murder regime!

And why should Communists be summarily executed? Because, as he admits, Communists organize class struggles for the abolition of the capitalist system, for the establishment of a workers' and farmers' government in the United States! Only Mr. Hearst has the colossal gall to call it the "overthrow of popular government and human justice!"

"Popular" with whom? With the finance-capitalists who own it lock, stock and barrel! With the bankers and industrialists who use its every agency to suppress struggles of the working class against low wages and starvation relief! With Hearst and his brother yellow journalists who are helping the attempt to organize cut-throat bands in the United States! Or perhaps Hearst's reference to "popular" government refers to the "will of the people" that Merriam should have bribed and stolen his election to the Governorship November 6!

A government of "human justice," babbles Hearst. Ask the "heroes of 1917" who were run out of Washington at the point of bayonets when they came to petition Congress for their back pay! Ask the longshoremen in San Francisco and San Pedro whose brothers were murdered by "human justice"! Ask the tens of millions of exploited workers and poor farmers who are forced to live in squalor while the "dispensers of human justice" revel in luxury!

Hearst is playing his role as the propaganda wedge in the concerted drive to outlaw the Communist Party. He calls for "a nationwide roundup of Communists!" Workers must wake up to the fact that every drive against the Communist Party is the forerunner of an intense drive to lower the living conditions of the whole working class!

The question is not "Hearst versus the Communist Party." The issue is clear-cut: Capitalism, with its misery for the millions and luxury for the few, against a workers' and farmers' government, with economic security and a constantly rising standard of living for the masses!

Hearst's despicable role as defender of the corrupt capitalist system must be exposed everywhere workers gather! The answer to Hearst and his monopolist bosses must be increasing struggle against the wage-cutting, relief-slashing drive by their "popular" government of "human justice"!

Build up militant working class organizations! Support and join the Communist Party, leader of the invincible march of the working class to final emancipation!

A New Word For It

Government experts have coined a new term for exploitation, a "much nicer" one. They call it "efficiency brains".

A federal survey has revealed that the American worker has increased his "efficiency brains" from 10 to 25 per cent since 1929. According to the official report, due to "improvements in operating methods" the average workers now need almost a quarter less time to do their job.

Does this mean that that American worker now goes to his job and works six hours a day instead of eight, or four and a half days a week instead of six, and goes home at the end of the week with the same amount of pay as before he achieved the distinction of acquiring increased "efficiency brains"? Of course not.

It means just this: that the average American worker now produces twenty-five per cent more for his capitalist boss—not only with no increase in pay, but with a sharp reduction!

The "efficiency brains" of which the American worker is asked to be proud, means in reality the most vicious speedup system which has wrecked and is wrecking millions of lives, sacrificed on the altar of the capitalist's greed for profits!

On the basis of statistics issued by the U.S. Bureau of Labor, with 1929 as 100, the average output per worker per hour increased as follows: 101 in 1930; 109 in 1931; 119 in 1932, and 129 in 1933. The figure for 1934, not yet arrived at, will probably show a similar increase.

This is the chart of capitalism: ever-mounting exploitation of the working class, inhuman conditions of work which throw hundreds of thousands of men and women on the scrap heap annually, ever-mounting profits for the handful of capitalist parasites.

Just as long as the working class permits the capitalist system to exist this will continue. Capitalism will not collapse because of its inherent injustice or wickedness, or by an Act of God.

The working class will have to overthrow the entire rotten system through revolutionary action, and substitute for it a workers' and farmers' government, under which technological advancement will result in better living conditions and increased leisure for the working class. Under a workers' and farmers' government the vicious speed-up system will be an historical relic, like the instruments of torture of the Spanish Inquisition!

It is to this historic task that the Communist Party is giving leadership!

He Knows Which Is Cheapest For Him.



AN OPEN LETTER TO WILLIAM R. HEARST

By WILLIAM F. DUNNE

This is the second of three articles of an Open Letter by William F. Dunne to William Randolph Hearst, replying to his vicious campaign of attack against the Communist Party and the militant working class it leads.

The first part exposed the reasons behind Hearst's film-reform campaign and the club he wields, threatening producers. A third installment, to appear in next issue, will conclude the document.—Editor.

As we have said, Mr. Hearst, you are a great advocate of "a free press"—according to your own definition of it. So concerned are you about your "free press" that you and your chief attorney and mouthpiece, John Francis Neyland, refuse to recognize the American Newspaper Guild because, you say, it threatens the freedom of the press. You have fired employees with years of service on your papers merely for belonging to and refusing to quit this recognized union of newspapermen. You brought enough pressure to bear on the National Labor Board to get the ruling reinstating Jennings—fired by you for membership in the Guild—reversed.

Oh yes, you are a great friend of working people—providing they agree with your recent editorial statement that they are "incapable" of running a government; providing they agree with your perversion of history to the effect that the Roman "proletariat" was the least thrifty, least industrious and most debased of all classes in that period. (How a suppressed group of so-called free men can be thrifty and industrious in a society based on chattel slavery, as Roman society was, is something we leave for you to explain.)

It is, however, a matter of historical record, known to everyone who has even a smattering of scholarship, that the beautiful and majestic buildings of ancient Rome, its sculpture and jeweled art work, were all designed and constructed by slaves and proletarians—just as the marvelous achievements of modern civilization are designed and constructed by working intellectuals and proletarians, not by people like you.

*** You Never Worked.**

You, Hearst, never earned a dollar in your life by work. You inherited your fortune.

There is not a single member of the Communist Party who has not created more goods with his two hands and added more to the national wealth of the United States than you have. If every member of the Communist Party had worked only one day in his whole life, this would still be true.

The kind of a "free press" you want is a press controlled completely by you, your class—the robber capitalist class—and its government. In other words you want to suppress and destroy all papers and periodicals in this country which do not follow your lead. You want, therefore, a press of the type that exists in Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy—a press which takes its orders from the government of monopoly capitalists, its supporters and hangers-on, a press wholly anti-working class in every department. This conclusion is inescapable. Here is further proof:

*** Secret Police.**

When you began your campaign for enlarging the detective staff of the Department of Justice, the Communist Party and its press said at once that, under the guise of stamping out "crime" and "gangsterism," you were trying to establish a secret police force in this country patterned after the Czar's, Okhrana, Mussolini's and Hitler's official bands of spies and terrorists. Once more we Communists did not have to wait long for confirmation from your own correspondents and papers:

Your Universal Service on Dec. 10 sent out the following from Washington, D. C.:

"A determined drive to outlaw Communists and members of other organizations which advocate overthrow of government by force, will be launched in Congress by the House committee on anti-American activities, it was learned today.

The committee has decided to recommend enactment of this two-fold program: 1) A

law making it a crime to be affiliated with any organization dedicated to overthrow of the government by force. 2) Increased appropriations for the Department of Justice, so its agents may start a nationwide roundup of Communists and Nazis.

"Members of the committee explained existing laws against rebels have been practically nullified because an overt act of violence must be proved before a Communist can be convicted. The amendments sponsored by the committee will remove this bar to wholesale prosecution of Communists. . . . (Not Nazis!—W.F.D.)

The press of the Communist Party and that of the left wing of the labor movement, and various political and literary periodicals of left wing students and intellectuals constitute the only genuine opposition to the program of monopoly capital. This program is expressed with new clarity in the latest pronouncement of the Roosevelt administration, to your press, Hearst, and to the whole program of the open shop, wage-cutting, company unionism, reduction of unemployment relief, more hunger for the working population, to Fascism and imperialism war.

*** Outlaw All Opposition.**

If the Communist Party and its members are "automatically outlawed," as you and your associates and tools propose, its press, and that of all groups which criticize monopoly capital and its government and its program fundamentally, will also be outlawed.

Censorship of the films, prevention of the distribution of leaflets dealing with labor questions and working class political issues, suppression of the entire opposition working class press—this is your program, Hearst!

What wonderful confidence you and your kind must have in the righteousness of the cause of monopoly capitalism! You are so panic-stricken by the decay and decline of your robber system that you no longer dare to permit discussion of issues so vital to the millions of the working class, the Negro people beset by your lynch and murder gangs, by bankrupt farmers, jobless professional people, even under the severe restrictions already in force. Indeed, you and these brainy bankers and great industrialists whom you laud daily, are a feeble group. You fear nothing—except an enlightened and aroused working class organized and led by its Communist Party and its press.

*** Communism "Crime" To Hearst.**

Your campaign against "crime,"

(To be concluded.)

Murphy, Head of Dyer's Union, "Red" Hynes, Revealed as Pals

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—William F. (Red) Hynes and the president of the Cleaners' and Dyers' Union (Federal Local) are bosom pals, it has just been revealed by C. M. Murphy, president of the union, racketeer, scab, and protégé of Buzzell, secretary of the Los Angeles Labor Council. Last night a member of another union went to the Labor Temple, where the Cleaners' and Dyers' Union meets, for the purpose of selling tickets to a mass meeting in favor of the street car strikers. There he was introduced to Murphy.

Murphy approached this worker and told him he had a "job" for him to do. He said that the "job" couldn't be discussed there, but to come to his Murphy's place of business next day. The worker went to see Murphy to day at his shop, 755 San Fernando Road, Glendale, taking another worker with him as a witness.

*** "Job" Offered.**

Here is what Murphy proposed. He said there was a man named Green, who was cutting prices and was aiding Communists to break up unions. Murphy offered these workers \$50 to see that Green "became very sick" or was put out of the way until after Christmas.

The workers, naturally, refused

as our press predicted, Hearst, has become a drive against Communists and Communism. Your drive for more Department of Justice operatives is a drive against the Communists, the labor movement and the entire working class. It is a means of putting over the new Roosevelt program of reducing living standards—of starving the unemployed to the point where they can be driven into the industries—taking the place of striking workers in many instances at any wage the employers care to pay. The first three points of the new program are:

"(1) Shift relief responsibilities from the Federal government to the states and localities. (Throwing the unemployed back on the bankrupt states and cities from which they will get little if any relief.—W.F.D.)

"(2) Concentrate on needed public works which will not conflict with private investment and private industry. (This means little if any public work.—W.F.D.)

"(3) Set up unemployment reserves without penalizing industry. (This means that the main burden of these "unemployment reserves"—which are for the dim and distant future—will fall on workers.—W.F.D.)

"(4) Establish broad foreign markets.—(Article by Ruckevs, Hearst papers of Dec. 6, 7.)

This can be done only by reducing "labor costs," i.e., wages, to a level closer to the European standard, and that of Japan, and making up the difference by speedup of workers. It is an iron law of capitalism, formulated by Marx, that goods tend to sell on the world markets at the figure which represents that of the country having the lowest "labor costs." Or, rival nations must be crippled or destroyed. War creeps closer.

The National Labor Board has just ruled, as this is written, that the Roosevelt decision for the automobile industry—endorsed by President Green of the American Federation of Labor with his accustomed allegiance to the interests of monopoly capital—which legalized company unions and establishing the infamous "merit" clause, a powerful weapon in the hands of the companies against genuine unions and for discrimination and blacklisting of active union men, cannot be reopened. This, together with the points of the new program listed here, shows that you, Hearst, and your heroes, Morgan, Rockefeller, Mellon, Swope, DuPont, Aldrich, et al, are organizing a new drive, not only against the Communists, but against the entire American working class and its unions.

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Press Bazaar To Be Held In Larger Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The Western Worker Bazaar Committee has made arrangements to have the four-day Press Bazaar held at Franklin Hall, 1859 Fillmore St., instead of at 121 Haight St., as originally planned. The bazaar will be held December 28, 29, 30 and 31.

The change has been made because of the larger space and better facilities afforded at Franklin Hall, the Bazaar Committee announced.

Tickets sold with the Haight St. address on them will secure admittance at the new location.

Workers' organizations and sympathizers of the revolutionary press are urged to bring articles for the bazaar to the office of the Western Worker, 37 Grove St., San Francisco.

Santa Barbara Relief List At Record Figures

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Dec. 20.—Despite the fact that prosperity is supposed to be returning, official statistics show that the relief load of Santa Barbara county has increased by 55 per cent in number of families and 30 per cent in cost per family during the last five months alone.

The number of families on S.E. RA relief has passed the 1,700 mark as compared with less than 1,000 in July. Welfare cases which also have increased in number, now total 750. The number seeking employment at the federal offices is approaching the 4,000 mark.

New applications come from those who have, until now, been living on savings or have been living with relatives and friends. Now their savings are gone and their relatives no longer are able to aid them, due to the increasing cost of living and the widespread policy of wage-cutting.

Relief officials and S.E. RA administrators are threatening to resist, along with the whole of the Community Chest board. Dismissed officials now are laying plans for a mass meeting of all those "interested" in the relief problem. Unable to meet the problem of feeding destitute workers and their families, they are planning to ask help of thousands who already are pinched to the limit.

Workers Force First Aid to Injured Man On Oakland S.E.R.A.

By a Worker Correspondent

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 21.—An S.E.R.A. worker employed on the Union Construction project at the Port of Oakland terminal docks suffered three degree burns from a 440 volt A.C. current. With his face badly burned, both arms and hands burned to the elbows, a burn on his throat and another on his heel, he was told to Highland hospital, miles away, without first aid.

Although there are two first aid stations on the job, Williams showed no concern for this worker. It was a cold winter day and he was forced to walk 100 yards to the superintendent's auto.

His fellow workers demanded that he be given some sort of treatment to allay his intense suffering. The superintendent was forced to give in and the injured worker walked the 100 yards back to the office where a tube of Unguentine was found and a fellow worker was told to smear the burns.

One man with a big machine offered to drive the worker to the hospital and he was told to mind his own business and go back to work. The superintendent finally managed to get his car moving and drove the worker to a hospital. One hour and 45 minutes from time of injury, the treatment was begun.

"Petersburg Nights" Tale of Old Russia

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The Soviet film "Petersburg Nights," now at the Columbia, helps wind up a bad movie year by presenting us with a fine taste of what a motion picture really should be.

The period is pre-revolutionary Russia. The principal characters are two musicians, struggling to earn a living and at the same time searching their minds and hearts for the sounds and forms that will represent their world. One of these men succeeds in finding a bourgeois patron, and begins living a bourgeois life. His music, the reflection of his ruling class environment, is accepted by them.

The second composer refuses to compromise with his bourgeois spirit, which becomes the life-stream of his work. Out of his travail he creates the music of the future, the music of the revolutionary working class. He lives to hear his own songs as part of the great pattern of achievement spelling the approaching doom of the old and the birth of the new society.

The picture exhibits the most advanced Soviet motion picture technique. It is a sound film, with satisfactorily superimposed titles in English.

On Sunday, last day of the showing, performances will be continuous from 1 p.m.

MUNITIONS, MONOPOLY, IMPERIALISM AND WAR

This is the third of a series of articles exposing the link between the war machine and American industry. It reveals the immense capacity for organization and efficiency of capitalism in mobilizing the entire strength and resources of a country for purposes of mass murder in the interests of private greed, and its complete inability to organize these forces for the welfare of the people.

Requirements of An Imperialist Army In a Major War

By BILL DUNNE

Supplies for an army are listed under the general term "Ordnance." To persons unfamiliar with military necessities this term means simply those supplies that have to do with ammunition and other artillery and small arms requirements. Actually, the items under "Ordnance" include all those things that enable an army to move, live and fight.

Shortly after the end of the World War and nominal cessation of organized military hostilities, the requirements of the imperialist army in the Soviet Union, the listed requirements of the quartermaster-general of the United States Army for all expeditionary forces, included in round numbers 120,000 separate articles.

When the Armistice was announced on Nov. 11, 1918, more than 7,500 factories of the manufacturing plants in the United States were engaged in producing various items for the "Ordnance" requirements of the National and allied armies.

The minimum cost of these items supplied to the so-called National Army, supposed to include some 5,000,000 officers and enlisted men, was around \$12,500,000,000. Experts who got some enjoyment from playing with these astronomical figures calculated that the expenses involved in equipping such an army would have paid for a Panama Canal every thirty days.

Iron, Steel and Other Metals

The iron and steel industry is the basic industry of capitalism. It is impossible for any people

to reach a cultural level very much above that of primitive agricultural economy unless they have a well developed iron and steel industry. No ruling class can carry on a successful war in this period unless its military and naval organizations are based on highly developed iron and steel industries.

Because the United States possessed the most highly developed iron and steel industry and natural resources within its own borders furnishing the raw materials for it, and was not dependent on outside sources either for the raw materials or the finished products of the industry, it was possible for the American ruling class and its government—and here, of course, the servile character of the official labor leadership—became a decisive factor—to maintain an uninterrupted working of this basic industry, during the war period.

The uninterrupted production in the iron and steel industry in the United States and the almost incredible amount of military necessities it turned out during the World War is one of the most amazing attainments of modern capitalist industry and its government organized for war.

Outside of the American general staff, experts in various military and industrial fields, and some engineers, it is doubtful if many people have any adequate idea of the tremendous technical requirements for achieving the greatest feat in the entire history of the world—mobilizing from four to five million men, in the 1917-1918 period, equipping and feeding them and transporting about 2,000,000 of them across three thousand miles of ocean, landing them in a foreign country and putting a big percentage of them into war sectors. From the purely technical standpoint this is an achievement of organization without parallel in human history.

It was made possible only by the fact that the basic industries of American capitalism had been mobilized for imperialist war—mobilized, therefore, for the needs of the ruling class.

*—The Panama Canal, considered at the time it was constructed as the outstanding engineering feat of the world, cost about \$400,000,000.

Small Audience Of Middle-Aged Hears Anti-Soviet Lies Spouted

By MIRIAM BONNER
Director of the Los Angeles Workers' School

"Who's Who In Radicalism," an expose by Elizabeth Dilling, author of "The Red Network," was widely advertised by the Los Angeles press. The results of her investigations of radical activities in the Los Angeles schools were supposed to shock the 100 per centers into a campaign of terror against the Reds. The Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce rented the Philharmonic Auditorium recently for the Great Fascist Offensive to save "American democracy."

Some middle-aged and elderly men and women took the comfortable seats on the first floor. Fewer middle-aged and elderly men and women were seated in the first balcony. Still fewer middle-aged and elderly men and women were seated in the top gallery.

"Not much of a crowd," said the man next to me. "You ought to go to the Communist meetings. I've been to four at the Masses Opera House. You've never seen anything like it. They throw money on the stage, and they pay to come in, and then give hundreds of dollars for the collection. They stand up and sing 'The International' and raise their fists. We Americans aren't awake to what is going on. You know, I thought for fifty-five cents I would get a good seat down there. Maybe if they'd charge as little as the Communists, they'd get a crowd."

*** Capitalist Benefactor.**

Dr. Frederic Woellner, professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, introduced Mrs. Dilling as "probably Public Benefactor No. 1."

It was quite obvious that Mrs. Dilling was annoyed by the small size of her audience. Behind her at the university professor, Judge Kincaid, Richard West, president of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce; Leroy Owen, the National Coordinator of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce; officials of the Los Angeles Legion, and officials of the Better America Federation—the General Staff for the Drive.

After explaining that she did not like to speak to audiences anyway, the Capitalist Benefactor said that since there were 1,000 red lecturers to one that is not red, she has to get up on the platform and go looking for audiences. For two hours she mimicked, jeered, cavorted and ranted on the stage. Almost the whole time was devoted to lying about the Soviet Union. She was constantly on the defensive. "They say that capitalist civilization is dying? Why, the Americans have the highest standard of living in the world!" (What about the 23,000,000 on relief, those in C. C. camps, labor camps, those without any relief? But no time

was given to questions.)

*** Reads From Press.**

Finally, she came to Communist activities in this country. She read from the Daily Worker, the New Masses and The Communist. She raged against the Civil Liberties Union, the speeches of Loren Miller and Chester Williams, the International Labor Defense, the League Against War and Fascism, and the Los Angeles Workers' School which is teaching Communism. She maliciously lied by saying that the Workers' School in Chicago teaches its students how to slash the wrists of policemen with razor blades, how to stick nails under horses' tails, etc. Even the National Y. W. C. A., according to Mrs. Dilling, teaches The International and other revolutionary songs.

"Now," concluded Mrs. Dilling's tirade, "the Reds are only a little yellow minority. Wake up and stamp them out like rats." "It wasn't much of a crowd," said the man next to me disingenuously. "Go to one of those Red meetings the first chance you get. If we don't do any better than this, they'll put it all over us."

SERA Workers Win Strike At Lake Merced

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Six hundred SERA workers at Lake Merced struck Saturday for an hour demanding pay for spending half a day Thursday in the rain waiting and then being sent home without having worked. The men expected that they would work Saturday morning and receive the afternoon off with pay in return for the time wasted Thursday.

At 11 o'clock Frank Kosi got up and made a speech calling for a strike. The men promptly dropped their tools. The bosses went among them, trying to get them to return to work. After each boss made his talk, a member of the strike committee got up and answered him. Finally the big boss appeared and told them they would be paid for Thursday morning, but that they would have to get the \$1.88 from their visitors.

The boss then told Kosi that he was fired. When Kosi appealed to the men, the boss cancelled the order. However, at quitting time Kosi and two other members of the strike committee were fired and marked on their discharge cards as agitators.

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